

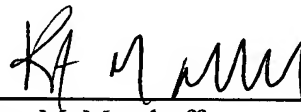


- b. ☒ Cross references to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
- c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development
- d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
- e. ☒ Background of the Invention
- f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
- g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (*if drawings filed*)
- h. ☒ Detailed Description
- i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
- j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
- 3. ☒ Drawing(s) (*when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113*)
  - a. ☒ Formal      Number of Sheets   9
  - b. ☐ Informal      Number of Sheets
- 4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (*original or copy*)      ☒ Unexecuted
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
  - c. ☒ With Power of Attorney      ☐ Without Power of Attorney
  - d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the Prior Application, see 37. CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- 5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)  
 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- 6. ☐ Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & documents(s)*)
- 7. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
- 8. ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
- 9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449      ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- 10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- 11. ☒ Acknowledgement Postcard
- 12. ☒ Mailed Via
  - ☐ First Class      ☒ Express Mail (*Specify Label No.*) **EV334067716US**
- 13. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
- 14. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (*attach PTO/SB/35*)
- 15. ☐ Additional Enclosures:

**FEE CALCULATION**

For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	37	- 20	17	\$ 18.00	\$306.00
Indep. Claims	8	- 3	5	\$ 84.00	\$420.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (If applicable, please add \$ 280.00)					\$0.00
<b>BASIC FEE</b>					\$750.00
<b>OTHER FEE</b> (specify purpose):					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>					<b>\$1,476.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,



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